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Dear Forest Warden and/or Fire Chief,

Communities with populations of 10,000 or less and which are non profit rural call or volunteer fire departments made up of at least 80% call or volunteer firefighters are able to apply for a Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant offered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on an annual basis.

In 2006, the DCR initiated a program which will 'outfit' each qualifying VFA community with a Smokey Bear Fire Danger Rating Sign. A portion of the grant monies each year is used to fund this project which should see its completion within the next few grant rounds.

The purpose of the sign is to serve as a cautionary reminder to the public stopping at the fire department for permitted burns or other. Posting the daily level of risk to wildfire in a highly visible spot will increase community awareness and caution.

As part of the *Fire Danger Rating Sign* Bid award, any community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (population size not a factor) is allowed to purchase the 2' x 2' sign **directly** from the award vendor listed below.

NUTRON – OSM
PO Box 487
North Olmsted, OHIO 44070

TEL: toll free @ 888-737-5052, ext 231
FAX: 440 777-6664
ATTN: Rusty

Smokey Bear Fire Danger Rating Sign

- 2' x 2' sign purchase = \$265.00 each
- shipping and handling to your town = \$25.00
- additional placard also available = \$65.00
- pricing good until January 1, 2009

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Should you decide to purchase this 2'x 2' sign directly from NUTRON - OSM, be sure to refer to **RFR File: MA DCR#272** and secure our bid award price. Purchase of this custom sign is available only through this bid award. Call direct or use enclosed order form. Order form also available online: www.nutron-osm.com/madcr272.pdf

Each town is responsible for keeping the daily fire danger rating current and posted in a highly visible spot either mounted on the building front of its fire department, or mounted on suitable posts on front lawn of fire department or at the forest warden's home. Altering the information on the sign itself is not allowed. The level of fire danger is made available on a daily basis by the State's Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry.

See enclosed guidelines for further information regarding use of this sign.

We invite your participation in this program. If you have any questions please contact Forest Fire Program Coordinator Roxanne Savoie at 413 538-9092 or roxanne.savoie@state.ma.us.

Respectfully yours,

David Celino

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Chief Fire Warden

DC/RBS/rbs

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